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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH GENERAL KRIANGSAK AFTERNOON APR 20
TO FIND OUT WHAT LAY BEHIND HIS CRITICISM OF U.S. NARCOTICS
OPERATIONS IN YESTERDAY'S WIDELY-REPORTED SPEECH.

2. THE GENERAL SAID HE VERY MUCH REGRETTED ANY EMBARRASS-
MENT, BUT THAT HE HAD WRITTEN THE SPEECH HASTILY IN THAI.
WHEN THE AMBASSADOR ASKED HIM WHO HE HAD IN MIND WHEN HE
REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO "AMERICAN ADMINISTRATORS," KRIANGSAK
SAID HE WAS TRANSLATING THE THAI WORK "PHU BORIHAN" WHICH
MEANS PEKON WHO ADMINISTERS ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT THE NORMAL
WORD FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. KRIANGSAK SAID HE MEANT
U.S. MISSION NARCOTICS PERSONNEL AND THE CODEL STAFF,
ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY SOME COMMENTS APPLIED MORE TO ONE
GROUP THAN ANOTHER. KRIANGSAK SAID HE THOUGHT ALL THE
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INVESTIGATORS IN THAILAND WERE UNDER THE JURISDICTION
OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE. THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED
THE U.S. CHAIN OF COMMAND.

3. KRIANGSAK SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD HAD HIS DIF-
FERENCES WITH CONGRESSMAN WOLFF IN THE PAST, HE
WANTED TO BE ON THE RECORD THAT HE, KRIANGSAK, AND

THE THAI GOVERNMENT WERE SUPPORTIVE OF THE CONGRESS-
MAN'S EFFORTS AND INDEED OF THE GENERAL U.S. EFFORT.
THE PROBLEM WAS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE DID
NOT UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE PROBLEM AND
CONTINUALLY SOUGHT INSTANT RESULTS. THE PURPOSE
OF HIS REMARKS HAD BEEN TO TRY AND DEMONSTRATE THAT
THERE WAS MORE TO NARCOTICS INTERDICTION THAN STA-
TISTICAL RESULTS AND TO EMPHASIZE THE MANY FACTORS
WHICH BEAR ON THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN THAILAND.
HE NOTED THAT RELATIONS WITH THE HILL TRIBES HAVE
BEEN A PROBLEM FOR YEARS. PEOPLE SEEKING INFORMA-
TION, PARTICULARLY INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE NOT STEEPED
IN THE PROBLEM AND WITH ONLY A SUPERFICIAL UNDER-
STANDING OF THE POLITICAL COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED
WERE VERY APT TO GET TANGLED UP IN ALL KINDS OF LOCAL
INTRIGUES. THAILAND WAS ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE WITH
THE U.S. AND WOULD, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO
DO SO. IN HIS POOR ENGLISH, HE HAD PERHAPS NOT
MADE HIMSELF CLEAR. HE AGAIN APOLOGIZED FOR ANY
PROBLEMS HE MIGHT HAVE CAUSED.

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS TO US THAT WHAT HAD GOTTEN
UNDER KRIANGSAK'S SKIN WAS A COMBINATION OF FEELING
THAT SOME AMERICAN INVESTIGATORS WERE BULLS IN THE
CHINA SHOP AND THAT THE GREAT STRESS LAID ON NAR-
COTICS LAST WEEK WAS OBFUSCATING WHAT HE BELIEVES
TO BE FAR MORE BASIC POLITICAL AND SECURITY ISSUES
INVOLVING THE U.S., THAILAND, AND ASEAN.

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